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Case JA-138

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/171049

Filed: October 12, 1998

: Group Art Unit 1771

: Examiner: C. Pratt

For: ABSORBENT MATERIALS HAVING

IMPROVED STRUCTURAL

STABILITY IN DRY AND WET

STATES AND MAKING METHODS

THEREFORE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 TO
FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED 11/15/00

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2000, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 20-38 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 6. Cancellation of these claims was inadvertently omitted at the time of election.

Please amend claims 1 and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) An absorbent material comprising:
- (a) absorbent gelling particles comprising a water-insoluble absorbent hydrogel forming polymer;
 - (b) a polycationic polymer;
 - (c) from about 1 % to about 10% of glue microfibers selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) tackifier modified polymers,
 - ii) pressure sensitive adhesives, and
 - iii) mixtures thereof;
 - (d) a carrier layer;